

BOND ISSUE UNLIKELY TREASURY NOT EMPTY. Experts See Signs of Returning Revenues.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, March 14.—The United States Treasury is by no means in such dire financial straits as has been represented, and there is not the slightest likelihood that the Secretary of the Treasury will be forced to issue bonds in the near future.

Such assertions as that the government is as badly off as when President Cleveland was forced to issue bonds are wholly unwarranted. This does not mean, however, that there may not be another issue of Panama bonds to meet the drain on the Treasury which the carrying out of that great project involves.

It is more probable, however, that the Secretary of the Treasury will, if confronted with too large a deficit, issue 3 per cent Treasury certificates, such as were issued to the amount of \$15,000,000 during the late panic. They are regarded as a ready and safe means of raising funds to tide over an emergency, for under the law which authorizes them they must be retired within one year. That means, of course, that their use involves no permanent increase of the public debt.

HEADLESS BODY IN CAR. Boys Find Woman's Corpse—Taken Away Before Police Arrive.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Allentown, Penn., March 14.—In a coal car that came from Perth Amboy, N. J., yesterday, some boys discovered the headless body of a young woman, as the train was temporarily sidetracked on the Lehigh Valley road here today.

That murder had been committed seemed evident, but before the knowledge came to the authorities the train had left the city, and up to tonight the car had not been located. The boys were playing on the cars when they jumped upon what at first appeared to be a bundle of clothing, but which they were horrified to find was the body of a woman.

MR. TAFT AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Forsakes His Own for Day to Attend Where Lincoln Worshipped.

Washington, March 14.—Forsaking his own church for the day, President Taft attended services this morning at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, where President Lincoln and other famous statesmen once worshipped.

Mr. Taft left the White House with Mrs. Nicholas L. Anderson, of this city. Together they walked the four blocks to the church, and several times the President was compelled to doff his hat in recognition of the greeting of the many who spoke to him along the way.

After the services the congregation stood while the President and Mrs. Anderson walked out. Mr. Taft returned to the White House on foot, Mrs. Anderson leaving him when they arrived near her home, in K street.

DISCOVERS A NEW ASTRAL LAW? Boston House Painter Thinks It Will Revolutionize Chronological System.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Boston, March 14.—Robert J. Hodke, a house painter, of Franklin Park, has invented an astral calculator, based on what he claims as his discovery of a new astral law, which he believes will revolutionize the world's chronological system.

Hodge has travelled across the country taking observations to verify his theory. Under this a calendar year would consist of exactly 364 days, with each fourth month, beginning with March, consisting of exactly 31 days, the other eight months of 30 days. He has worked out a new astral calculator to take his observations.

PRIMARY BILL READY? EXPECTED THIS WEEK. The Legislature Eagerly Awaits Governor's Measure.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Albany, March 14.—The direct nominations bill—the bill drawn to meet Governor Hughes's ideas and suggestions, and referred to his counsel and the Governor himself at various stages of progress—will be introduced early this week. At least, various members of the steering committee, which is the composite parent of that composite measure, say it will be presented on Monday or Tuesday.

They said so a week ago, as a matter of fact, but various points on which there was a distinct difference of opinion between the upstate and Brooklyn members of the committee intervened, and delay ensued. They think their prophecy is right this time.

When the measure really appears it will find the entire Legislature awaiting it eagerly, but with widely varying degrees of interest. On this bill, more than any other measure now before the Legislature or to be introduced, depends the future course of this session. Until the bill actually is introduced the Hughes supporters cannot begin the hard work of their campaign to effect its passage.

Up to date all the fighting has been in the nature of preliminary skirmishing, even though some of it has been bitter and various combatants have received serious wounds. Not even the Governor's Brooklyn speech, in which he outlined in a general way his plan of primary reform, was definite enough to bring about a formal battle array, though it served rather effectively to rank the fighters in Hughes and anti-Hughes camps.

SITUATION WILL SLOWLY GROW. In other words, out of what has been a rather chaotic mass of statement and denial, misinformation and misunderstanding, with general bad feeling, slowly will grow a political and legislative "situation."

Whatever changes there may be in the legislation, whatever there will be constipation and opposition to any scheme advocated by the Governor or his friends which can be termed a direct primary from a large and influential part of the present Republican organization leaders in New York State.

Against this Governor Hughes has as his chief asset in a fight which, right or wrong, is going to centre largely around him and his personality a tremendous hold on the affection and esteem of the people of this state and other states, with an abiding faith in his absolute sincerity, honesty and disinterestedness. Side by side with this must be reckoned the great "anti-boss" sentiment, which even the blindest of the Governor's antagonists will not deny.

If the anti-Hughes leaders do not resort to the "strong arm" and adjourn hastily to choke off discussion of the primary reform plans, the Legislature must settle down to a long session while "a campaign of education" is carried on, with the Governor's bill as the textbook.

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HUGHES MEN'S PREDICTION. "When the public has studied the bill which we shall present and understands it, you'll find that the only people against it are the men whose control of political machinery permits them at present to misrepresent the voters in their districts," predicted one of the Governor's advocates.

THIS MINISTER MADE THINGS HOT. Oklahoma Town Thinks His Prayers Caused Six Months' Drouth. [By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Bokham, Okla., March 14.—Some six months ago the Rev. Charles Ford, a Holiness preacher, called down a plague on Bokham in the form of a drouth, and hardly a drop of rain has fallen here since, until yesterday, when the minister prayed for the drouth to end.

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PROBATION ON INCREASE. Annual Report of State Commission—Good Results.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Albany, March 14.—The second annual report of the State Probation Commission, which will go to the Legislature to-morrow, shows a marked increase in the use of the probation system for both child and adult offenders. Since the commission organized its work on September 1, 1907, more than 1,000 children and 1,000 adults, a total of more than 2,000 persons, were on probation in the state during 1908.

Original appointments of probation officers were made during 1908 in the cities of Corning, Hudson, New Rochelle, Ogdensburg, Rensselaer and Rome. In the morning and police courts in Buffalo; in the county courts of Albany, Chenango, Columbia, Dutchess, Franklin, Herkimer, Ontario, Rockland, St. Lawrence and Suffolk counties; in seven towns and villages, and in the Supreme Court in five counties.

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MANY TRANSPORTATION RATE CHANGES. Albany, March 14.—Numerous changes in transportation rates are shown in the tariff bulletin of the Public Service Commission, 31 District, issued today. Lower rates are established on railroad shipments of ice.

U. S. STEEL MAY GET COAL LANDS. Rumors of Purchase of the Dering and Walsh Merger Companies. [By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Terre Haute, Ind., March 14.—A decree of foreclosure against the Indiana Southern and the Southern Indiana coal mining companies, made yesterday in the federal court at Indianapolis, stipulates that the sale shall take place on March 25. If the first named company does not pay \$1,500,000 and the second \$1,842,000, with interest, before that date, these are two merger companies formed by John R. Walsh, The United States Steel Corporation is gathering in options on coal land in this part of Indiana and across the line in Illinois, with a view to supplying its own coal to the Gary mills.

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Smith Gray Our New Uptown Home We're through with househunting. Our new uptown home is to be on 5th Avenue, above 27th Street, in the new building now known as Nos. 236-238, but hereafter to be known as the Smith-Gray Building. We'll shut our 31st Street doors and open our 5th Avenue doors about May 1st. In the mean time the 31st Street Moving Sale will keep moving until we've nothing left but brand new Spring goods. When we told some of our good friends where we were going, a few of them said it was too fine a street for the clothing business. Now as ours was the clothing business in question, we couldn't just see that. You know we make all our own clothing, and naturally have a fairly good opinion of it. So we weren't quite prepared to admit that any street was too good for us. "Yes, but how about your Broadway patronage?" We didn't quite see the force of that question either. Our uptown patrons use 5th Avenue quite as frequently as Broadway. So to 5th Avenue we go about May 1st. Frankly we're pleased. We like our new quarters. We think you will. We would have preferred to get through with this moving a month earlier. Spring is right at hand and we have large Spring lines all ready to show our uptown patrons. However, we'll have some Spring goods at our 31st Street store, and complete lines at our other three stores. So there will be nothing to prevent your wearing Smith-Gray Spring clothes, if you are so minded. New York Broadway at Warren St. Broadway at 31st Street Brooklyn Fulton St. at Flatbush Ave. Broadway at Bedford Ave.

LAMP WAS HIS WEAPON. Cook Seriously Injures Wife for Arousing Him from Sleep.

Joseph Matzner, a cook in an uptown restaurant who works nights, was looked up in the West 20th street station last night, charged with felonious assault upon his wife, Margaret. The woman was removed about the same time to the New York Hospital suffering from a fracture of the skull, after having lain all day in the Matzner apartment, in the furnished room in the house at No. 506 West 22d street, in a helpless condition, following the alleged assault, which took place during the morning.

Robert Franklin, who lives on the same floor in the West 22d street house, visited the Matzner apartment last night, and found Mrs. Matzner lying on the floor with her head resting in a pool of blood. When the police arrived Matzner was found in the crowd that had gathered at the doorway of the house.

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GIRL HAD BEEN DRUGGED. Found Lying in Jersey City Street—Young Man Arrested.

Miss Madeline Banks, the fourteen-year-old daughter of William Banks, a mechanical engineer, of No. 92 Hudson avenue, Jersey City, was found lying in a semi-conscious condition on the Hudson Boulevard in that city last night by a policeman, who took her to headquarters. The girl, who is large for her age and attractive, went from her home at 9 a. m. on Saturday to take a music lesson, and on the way met some girl friends, with whom she stopped to talk. The meeting caused her to be late for her lesson, and forcing a reprimand, she did not return home.

When revived by Dr. Charles Pollock at police headquarters last night the girl told of having met a young man, who invited her to take dinner with him. She accepted the invitation, she said. She gave a description of the man, told where he lived, and the police at once went to a lodging house at No. 31 Newark avenue and arrested Thomas Fuller, a bell maker, thirty-two years old, who fitted the description furnished by Miss Banks. Fuller was held without bail.

ALARM IN PITTSBURG. Business Circles Fear Graft Exposures—Banker Missing.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Pittsburgh, March 14.—It has been years since Pittsburgh business interests have been so on tenterhooks as they were to-day over the announcement that, beginning to-morrow morning, the grand jury will begin a rough probe of grafting and grafters. The names of the thirty bankers and business men on whom subpoenas were served yesterday by the District Attorney were not revealed to-day. It is intimated to-night that more than one hundred others will be served to-morrow.

PROTEST FROM 5,000. Boston Labor Men Object to Gompers Sentence. Boston, March 14.—As a demonstration against the sentences of imprisonment imposed on the labor delegates, Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, in the now prominent Bucks stove case, by Judge Daniel T. Wright, in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, more than five thousand members of labor unions paraded through the streets of this city to-day, a large meeting was held in Forest Hall, while several overflow meetings in the surrounding streets attracted large crowds.

STILL SEEK MURDERERS. Priest's Enemy Offered to Bet Pulpit Would Be Empty.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Los Angeles, March 14.—E. H. Harriman passed through here to-night and is now at Pasadena, where he is expected to remain for three days. Tomorrow afternoon Mr. Harriman will meet heads of departments in his system and discuss the changes. When seen by a reporter at Riverside this afternoon Mr. Harriman proved reticent. He only shrugged his shoulders when asked for some statement in answer to Francis J. Heney's recent assertion that "Harriman is the head and forefront of all the higher-ups in the country."

PRIEST'S REPORTS WRONG. Bishop Says Father Elbert Failed to Account for Parish Funds.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Baltimore, March 14.—Bishop Corrigan, vicar-general of the diocese, made an important statement to-day to the congregation of St. Katherine's Church, the pastor of which, the Rev. Casper Elbert, was recently deposed by the Cardinal and is now at Mount Hope sanatorium. That Father Elbert not only had not decreased the original debt on his church, but that the reports by him to his supervisors as to the financial condition of the parish were totally incorrect and misleading, was the rather startling information imparted by the Bishop, who, continuing, said that no records had been kept by Father Elbert of the collections and other moneys taken in, and that what was due with these funds was unknown.

The world is with the man who smiles when the coffee hurt is gone and POSTUM has been used a week. "There's a Reason."